

Minnesota Statute 151.10, Qualification of Applicants, states: "To be entitled to examination by the Board as a pharmacist the applicant shall be of good moral character, at least 18 years of age, and shall be a graduate of the college of pharmacy of the University of Minnesota or of a college or school of pharmacy in good standing\* of which the Board shall be the judge and shall have completed internship requirements as prescribed by the Board."

Minnesota requires 1600 hours of internship experience worked after completion of the third year of the standard six-year Pharm D curriculum. Minnesota will accept internship time, which meets our criteria, which was worked in another state. Hours worked outside of Minnesota must be submitted by an affidavit from the Board of Pharmacy of the state where the hours were accumulated. Internship Rules 6800.5100, 6800.5200, 6800.5300, 6800.5350, 6800.5400, and 6800.1250 should be helpful in determining eligibility. Pay particular attention to Rule 6800.1250 to determine eligibility for internship. Before the Board will recognize internship hours, obtained in Minnesota, the applicant must complete an Internship Manual. Check with the Board office for dates and details regarding this manual.

### **FOREIGN GRADUATES:**

An applicant, who is a graduate of a school of pharmacy located outside the United States when that school or college of pharmacy has not been recognized by the Board as a school in good standing, may be entitled to examination for licensure, by the Board, if the applicant is of good moral character, is at least 18 years of age, has completed the internship requirements, determined by the Board, and has been "certified" by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Commission.

### **CANADIAN GRADUATES:**

An applicant, who is a graduate of an English-speaking Canadian school of pharmacy, may be entitled to examination for licensure, by the Board, if the applicant is of good moral character, is at least 18 years of age and has completed the internship requirements.

### **FULL BOARD EXAMINATIONS:**

The examinations consist of the North American Pharmacy Licensing Examination (NAPLEX), and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE). A completed application, fee, and all supporting documents must be in the Board of Pharmacy office prior to approval being granted to sit for the NAPLEX and MPJE examinations. Applications and fees should be sent to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) to sit for the NAPLEX and MPJE examinations. An original licensure fee is required upon successful completion of the examinations.

The Board will email examination results to the email address on the candidate's application to take the Board exam approximately five to seven days after the date of the

last examination taken by the candidate. Scores cannot be obtained earlier and will not be reported by telephone, fax, or mail.

If you meet the Minnesota internship requirements and have become licensed in a state that participates in the NAPLEX score transfer program, mediated through NABP, Minnesota will accept your exam score, for the next year. If NAPLEX scores are transferred by this procedure, you will only be required to take the MPJE examinations in Minnesota. Each candidate should request information from the Board Office, regarding his/her individual case and for information regarding fees.

### **RETAKING EXAMINATIONS:**

In the event a candidate is unsuccessful in passing after three attempts, or if 18 months pass from the date of the candidate's first examination, the candidate must petition the Board for another chance to be examined. An additional fee is required for each board examination retake. To retake the NAPLEX and /or MPJE exams, you will need to follow the procedures in the booklets pertaining to each exam.

*\*Graduation must be from a U.S. college of pharmacy, accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education.*

If any part of this Fact Sheet conflicts with the Minnesota rules or laws, the rules or laws take precedence. It is your responsibility to understand and comply with the regulations. Please call the Board offices if you have any questions.